

Hurley Reformed Church
Second Sunday after Epiphany
January 17, 2021, 10:00 a.m.

Rev. William Appleyard-Pekich, Pastor
Jane Barsumian, Organist and Choir Director

MORNING WORSHIP

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O come, let us worship the Lord and consider what wondrous things God has done:

All: **The Magi who study the heavens follow a guiding star!**

Leader: O come, let us worship the Lord and consider what wondrous things God has done:

All: **The peoples who live in the shadows see a glorious light!**

Leader: O come, let us worship the Lord and consider what wondrous things God has done:

All: **The Christ who embodies the Word unveils the hidden plan,**

Leader: making us joint heirs of the promise of salvation through the gospel!

All: **O come, let us worship the Lord, for God has done wondrous things!**

HYMN OF APPROACH: #298, "Spirit of God, Descend upon my Heart"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy Lord, we come to you confessing that we have sinned against you by our thoughts our words and our deeds. But we also must confess that we have been content. We have been content with the way things are and not the way you command them to be. Forgive us but also help us and motivate us to do what needs to be done, and to be who you have called us to be. Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON [Words and music found on the inside cover of hymnal.]

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND SUMMARY OF GOD'S LAW

RESPONSIVE READING:

L: I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry.

A: He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.

L: He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.

A: Happy are those who make the Lord their trust, who do not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after false gods.

L: Then I said, "Here I am; in the scroll of the book it is written of me.

A: I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart."

L: But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who love your salvation say continually, "Great is the Lord!"

A: You are my help and my deliverer; do not delay, O my God.

GLORIA PATRI [Words and music found on inside cover of hymnal.]

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Children leave for Sunday School

THE WORD OF GOD

HYMN OF PREPARATION: #433, "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Old Testament: 1 Samuel 3:1-20

New Testament: John 1:43-51

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: "The Best is Still to Come"

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY [Words and music found on inside cover of hymnal.]

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

MORNING PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (debt/debtors)

HYMN OF CONSECRATION: #496, "Living For Jesus"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Reach out to those who need your support in their day to day needs:

Carla Campuzano is at home recuperating from surgery; Bill Baldinger at home recuperating; June Van der Laan is home; Rev. Stickleby is at home recuperating; Gene Groelle is in Woodland Ponds; Jim and Sheila Craven are home; Alice Presti has moved to North Carolina nearer her daughter; Bev Roosa is at the Terraces at Brookmeade; Shirley Ruth is in Mountain Valley Manor; Fred Horvers at TenBroeck; Lori Pinkham in Wingate at Ulster; Anthony DiPietro (son of MaryAnn DiPietro), Marie Dressel; Philip Greer.

Audio recordings of the weekly sermon are available on our website, HurleyReformedChurch.org.



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Rev. Charles E. Stickleby, *Pastor Emeritus*

Stickleby Gardens Columbarium . . . A sacred place of beauty and contemplation.
(Located on the south lawn of the church.)

The lone candle on the chancel is our Peace Candle. It represents this church's support for the men and women in military service, and our prayer that one day we will live in a world where their sacrifice is no longer needed.

Hurley Reformed Church
Hurley, New York

The Rev. William Appleyard-Pekich
Minister of Word and Sacrament

Welcome

*May the doors of this church be wide enough
to receive all who need human love and fellowship, and a Father's care;
and narrow enough to shut out all envy and hate.*

Enter to Worship

Depart to Serve

#298 Spirit of God, Descend upon my Heart

1. Spirit of God, descend upon my heart.
Wean it from earth; through all its pulses move.
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art,
And make me love Thee as I ought to love.
2. Hast Thou not bid me love Thee, God and King?
All, all Thine own -- soul, heart and strength and mind.
I see Thy cross-- there teach my heart to cling.
Oh, let me seek Thee, and, oh, let me find!
3. Teach me to feel that Thou art always nigh.
Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,
To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh:
Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.
4. Teach me to love Thee as Thine angels love,
One holy passion filling all my frame;
The baptism of the heav'n-descended Dove --
My heart an altar, and Thy love the flame.

#433 My Faith Looks Up to Thee

1. My faith looks up to Thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray;
Take all my guilt away.
Oh, let me from this day
Be wholly Thine!
2. May Thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart,
My zeal inspire.
As Thou hast died for me,
Oh, may my love to Thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be,
A living fire!

3. While life's dark maze I tread,
And griefs around me spread,
Be Thou my Guide.
Bid darkness turn to day;
Wipe sorrow's tears away;
Nor let me ever stray
From Thee aside!
4. When ends life's transient dream,
When death's cold, sullen stream
Shall o'er me roll,
Blest Savior, then in love
Fear and distrust remove.
Oh, bear me safe above--
A ransomed soul!

#496 Living for Jesus

1. Living for Jesus a life that is true,
Striving to please Him in all that I do,
Yielding allegiance, glad-hearted and free,
This is the pathway of blessing for me.
 - o *Refrain:*
O Jesus, Lord and Savior, I give myself to Thee;
For Thou, in Thy atonement, Didst give Thyself for me.
I own no other Master, My heart shall be Thy throne.
My life I give, henceforth to live, O Christ, for Thee
alone.
2. Living for Jesus Who died in my place,
Bearing on Calv'ry my sin and disgrace--
Such love constrains me to answer His call,
Follow His leading and give Him my all.
3. Living for Jesus, wherever I am,
Doing each duty in His holy Name;
Willing to suffer affliction and loss,
Deeming each trial a part of my cross.
4. Living for Jesus through earth's little while,
My dearest treasure, the light of His smile;
Seeking the lost ones He died to redeem,
Bringing the weary to find rest in Him!

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR January 17, 2021

Welcome to Hurley Reformed Church! We pray that you will be blessed with strength enough to see you on your way, hope enough to get you through the day and love enough to fill your heart, come what may. Say hello to Rev. Bill. **Ushers assisting in the service are** Chris Decker and Bob Kindt. **Tune your car radio to 94.9 FM for the service.** **Please stay in your car and wave your hellos!**

Women's Bible Study. Women's Bible Study will meet via Zoom on January 20, 2021 at 10 a.m. *Studying The Twelve Extraordinary Women.* The author: John MacArthur. We will be studying the Third Chapter: RAHAB. All are welcomed to join us! Let me know so that Rev. Bill can add you to his list. Will of course need your email address! Blessings, Rev. Deb Zuill

In Person Worship has been postponed until January 31. If you wish to worship in person, please call the office for reservations by the Wednesday before.

Reopening Committee: If you want to be part of the planning for reopening, please contact Rev. Bill. Everyone and everyone's input are welcome.

Rev Bill will be available for visits (with social distancing protocols). Contact the church to request a visit.

Do you have happy news you want to share? Coffee hour isn't available to us so we are all missing out on opportunities to catch up with each other -- good news or bad. If you have a happening that you want to share with your church family, let the office know. We can/will publish it in the Spire and/or in the bulletin. This can be a vital way to connect with each other.

The mission of the month for January is the Reservoir Pantry.

Deacon of the month is Chris Decker. Contact him at 518-669-1512 if you need a deacon's assistance.

By order of the Consistory, Hurley Reformed Church's building is closed for the duration of the Coronavirus State of Emergency. Only essential workers (as defined by the state of emergency) are allowed in the building. Apologies for the inconvenience. Your safety and health are the greatest priority. Be safe.

The **bathroom** is available during services for urgent situations only. If you use the bathroom, please sanitize with the Clorox wipes found in the unisex rest room.

Bulletin: If you need a bulletin mailed to you, please let Dorothy know by Tuesday. Include your address and other pertinent information.